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1. KOREA

SUN FRONT PAGES UPI FOTO CIVILETTI WHO "ARRIVES IN SEOUL
TO QUESTION PARK." ETHICS CMTE MEMBER CAPUTO (R-NY) AND
SEN ETHICS STAFFER WILL SIT IN ON QUESTIONING. UPI (NYT)
ADDS CIVILETTI ALSO ACCOMPANIED BY FBI LIE-DETECTOR EX-
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PERTS (1/7). QUESTIONING W/POLYGRAPH ONE OF THE CONDITIONS
DEMANDED BY DOJ IN NEGOTS (REUTER WASHINGTON).

MEANWHILE, PARK'S WYER, WM HUNDLEY, NOW IN SEOUL, SAYS
HE WILL RECOMMEND PARK TESTIFY BEFORE JOINT HOUSE/SEN ETHICS
CMTEs IN CLOSED-DOOR SESSIONS((LAT, WP). NYT'S HORROCK
(SEOUL) QUOTES HUNTDEY THAT JAWORSKI HAS TAKEN "UNREASON-

ABLY HARD LINE" WHICH COULD JEOPARDIZE PARK'S AGREEMENT TO SUCH TESTIMONY.

IN WAKE OF DECISION TO TURN PARK OVER TO US, NYT REPORTS SEOUL OFFICIALS CAREFULLY FLOATING IDEA OF CARTER-PARK CHUNG-HEE MTG TO ELIMINATE MISUNDERSTANDINGS, DISCUSS US TROOP W/DRAWALS (1/8).

DISSIDENTS RECENTLY FREED BY ROKG WELCOMED AT SEOUL CHRISTIAN PRAYER MTG OF MORE THAN 500 WHERE PRAYERS MIXED W/DE-NUNCIATIONS OF GOVT'S SUPPRESSION OF HUMAN RIGHTS, VOWS TO CONTINUE FIGHT FOR FREEDOM (NYT 1/8).

2. JAPAN

WP (1/7) CITES USHIBA STATEMENT THAT JOINT ANNOUNCEMENT MARKING SETTLEMENT US/JAPAN TRADE DISPUTE WILL BE RELEASED NEXT WK, AFTER TALKS W/US TRADE REPS STRAUSS, WOLFF.

CULLISON (JOC TOKYO) SAYS JAPAN EXPECTED PLEDGE ADDITIONAL DRASTIC TARIFF CUTS/OTHER MEASURES THIS WK IN ATTEMPT SETTLE TRADE DISPUTE. ADDS JAPANESE HOPE FINAL SETTLEMENT WILL BE FORTHCOMING BEFORE WK'S END/JOINT STATEMENT RESOLVING ISSUE WILL BE RELEASED AROUND FRIDAY.

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AT WEEKEND TOKYO NEWS CONF, SENS HANSEN (R-WYO)/CURTIS (R-NEB) SAID US SHOULD BE GIVEN FREE ACCESS TO JAPAN'S MKT FOR AGRIC PRODUCTS, ADDING TOKEN INCREASES IN JAPANESE QUOTAS FOR ORANGES/CITRUS PRODUCTS/BEEF NOT ENOUGH. SAID THEY BELIEVED THAT "UNLESS MUCH GREATER CONCESSIONS" MADE BY JAPAN, US CONGRESS WILL RESPOND TO PUBLIC DEMAND FOR GREATER PROTECTION FROM FOREIGN IMPORTS (MARTIN, SUN TOKYO 1/7).

SUN'S BURNS (BONN) DOES ITEM ON FRG'S CONCERN OVER JAPANESE/EC IMPORTS. REMARKS JAPANESE PROVIDE MOST VISIBLE THREAT IN 2 KEY GERMAN INDUSTRIES--STEEL/SHIP-BUILDING. REPORTS BONN PLANS SPEND SOME 50 MIL DOLS TO REHABILITATE STEEL MILLS/INVEST ANOTHER 75 MIL DOLS IN FINDING JOBS FOR LAID-OFF WORKERS. GOVT-NEGOTIATED AGREEMENTS W/JAPAN SEEN KEEPING JAPANESE FROM FURTHER PENETRATING THESE INDUSTRIES.

JAPANESE EXPORTS ON LETTER OF CREDIT BASIS IN DECEMBER SHOWED RELATIVELY SMALL RISE, UP 13.6 PCT OVER LAST YR'S DEC FIGURE (UPI, JOC).

FUKUDA SAYS CHANGE IN YEN'S DENOMINATION TO SMALLER UNITS WILL BECOME VITAL WHEN JAPANESE ECON STABILIZES. SAID NEW/OLD NOTES WILL BE ISSUED SIMULTANEOUSLY TO PREVENT CONSUMER PRICE MARKUPS TAKING ADVANTAGE OF DENOMINATION. POL/BUSINESS CIRCLES WELCOMED PM'S REMARKS, SAYING SINGLE-DIGIT EXCHANGE RATE WOULD RESTORE INTL PRESTIGE TO YEN (UPI, JOC).

SINO-JAPANESE TRADE PACT, COVERING PERIOD THRU

985, EXPECTED BE SIGNED LATER THIS MONTH. ACCORD SEEN ALLING FOR TOTAL EXCHANGE BOTH WAYS EXCEEDING 20 BIL DOLS. HOWEVER, WIDE DISPARITY OF VIEWS STILL EXISTS ON JAPANESE IMPORT CHINESE COKING COAL--WHICH INFERIOR TO UNCLASSIFIED

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THAT PURCHASED FROM US/AUSTRALIA (CULLISON, JOC TOKYO).

USJ'S KANABAYSHI REPORTS JAPANESE LABOR UNIONS HAVE STEPPED UP CONTACTS W/FON COUNTERPARTS IN ORDER HELP COUNTER CHARGES THAT JAPANESE EXPORTS SPAWN UNEMPLOYMENT IN IMPORTING COUNTRIES. NOTES IN PAST YEAR, JAPANESE ONFED OF LABOR ISSUED JOINT COMMUNIQUE W/AFL-CIO CN US PLEDGING CLOSER CONTACT/HAS ALSO AGREED TO REGULAR EXCHANGES W/AUSSIE UNION LEADERS.

JAPAN NATL RR HAS PAID NEARLY 1 MIL DOLS TO 50,000 PASSENGERS STRANDED AFTER BULLET TRAIN SYSTEM HALTED DUE ELECTRICAL PROBLEM. RR NORMALLY REFUNDS ABOUT 29 DOLS TO PASSENGERS STRANDED FOR MORE THAN 2 HRS (REUTER NYT 1/7).

JAPANESE SYNDICATE OF 16 BANKS/2 LIFE INSURANCE FIRMS HAS AGREED EXTEND 103.6-MIL-DOL CREDIT TO MEXICO'S GOVT-OWNED PEMEX OIL CORP (LAT 1/7).

MOST PAPERS CARRY ITEM ON "SCIENCES" MAG ITEM, BASED ON JAPANESE SCIENTIFIC ARTICLES, THAT INDICATES JAPANESE SCIENTISTS IN WWII ATTEMPTED DEVELOP A-BOMB FOR USE AGAINST US, BUT WERE THWARTED IN EFFORTS BY AIR RAIDS/ LACK OF FUNDS/BACKWARDNESS OF ATOMIC PHYSICS IN JAPAN (NYT'S BROWNE, SUN, WSTAR, BOTH 1/7; WP'S O'TOOLE 1/7). WP ITEM 1/9 QUOTES LEADING JAPANESE PHYSICIST TAJIMA, WHO SAYS WHILE JAPAN HAD STUDIED NUKE DEVELOPMENT DURING WWII, RESEARCH NOT AIMED AT MAKING BOMBS.

CHAPMAN (WP FUJISAWA) DOES FRONTPG ARTICLE ON JAPANESE PRACTICE OF LIFETIME EMPLOYMENT. NOTES WORKER SHIFT FROM DEPRESSED TO THRIVING INDUSTRIES. CITES SPECIFIC UNCLASSIFIED

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CASE OF KAWASAKI STEEL EMPLOYEES BEING "LOANED" TO FUJISAKA, W/KAWASAKI GUARANTEEING SAME WAGES.

SUN'S MARTIN (TOKYO 1/7) WRITES ON JAPANESE PENCHANT FOR COMIC BOOKS. NOTES SOME 10 MILLION SOLD EACH WK, EACH COSTING ABOUT 1 DOLLAR/RUNNING SOME 200 PAGES. REMARKS THOSE AIMED AT ADULTS COMBINE HUMOR W/STORIES ABOUT DRINKING/GAMBLING/SEX/VIOLENCE.

3. CHINA

AP (TOKYO) CITES KYODO THAT MORE THAN 100,000 GATHERED IN PEKING 1/8 TO COMMEMORATE ANNIVERSARY CHOU EN-LAI'S DEATH. DEMONSTRATION APPARENTLY HAD OFFICIAL SUPPORT, AP SAYS (NYT).

CONGRESSIONAL DEL LED BY SEN CRANSTON MET TENG 1/9 (REUTER NYT 1/8) AND W/FOMIN HUANG HUA, EXCHANGING VIEWS ON BILAT/INTL ISSUES (REUTER PEKING).

NCNA REPORTS PEKING LIBRARY LIFTS BAN ON SHAKESPEARE/TWAIN/DICKENS/OTHERS (REUTER, NYT 1/8).

4. PHILIPPINES

REP WOLFF (D-NY), CHIEF US CODEL TO PHILS, SAID IN MANILA 1/7 GOP MUST SHARE COST OF MAINTAINING US BASES THERE BECAUSE THEY SERVE MUTUAL DEFENSE NEEDS. SAID CODEL DISCUSSED W/MARCOS NEED TO "SHARE THE BURDEN," ADDING MARCOS UNDERSTOOD US POSITION WELL (UPI MANILA, WSTAR 1/7).

MARCOS/IMELDA CELEBRATED NEW YEAR'S EVE W/PARTY FOR 800 AT PRESIDENTIAL PALACE, DURING WHICH IMELDA DANCED W/AMBS FROM US/PRC/USSR (NYT MANILA).

5. MARIANAS

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LAT REPORTS MARIANAS' ATTAINMENT OF COMMONWEALTH STATUS MONDAY MARKED W/BIGGEST CELEBRATION THERE SINCE END WWII. PRES CARTER SENT MESSAGE STATING, "MY THOUGHTS AND BLESSINGS WILL BE WITH THE PEOPLE OF THE NEWEST MEMBER OF OUR AMERICAN FAMILY" (WP).

6. CAMBODIA/VIETNAM

OVER WEEKEND, CAMBODIA/VN TRADED INVASION CHARGES, W/PP CLAIMING TO HAVE DRIVEN VIETS OUT (WP'S MARKER 1/7 W/MAP SAYS CHARGES EXCHANGED FRI; REUTER, SUN W/AP MAPS; NYT SPEC, BOTH BANGKOK 1/8 REPORT CHARGES EXCHANGED SAT). PP RADIO SAID CAMBODIAN FORCES HAD "CRUSHED AND WIPED OUT" VIET INVASION ON ALL FRONTS, KILLING OR WOUNDING OVER 29,000 ENEMY TROOPS/DESTROYING 117 TANKS SINCE FIGHTING ERUPTED IN SEPT.

SRV QUICK TO DENY CAMBODIA'S "SLANDEROUS ALLEGATIONS," ACCUSING PP OF SENDING TROOPS ACROSS BORDER TO OCCUPY CAMBODIAN TERRITORY. PP RADIO BROADCAST ALSO REPORTED CAMBODIAN TROOPS FOUND BODIES OF 2 EUROPEANS AMONG VIET SOLDIERS/MONITORED CONVERSATIONS OVER VIET MIL RADIO WHICH SOUNDED LIKE RUSSIAN (WSTAR'S BRADSHER 1/7 REPORTS DAY EARLIER THAN SUN/NYT).

NYT SAYS BROADCASTS APPEARED TO ANALYSTS TO FOLLOW TRADITION OF WILDLY EXAGGERATED BATTLE REPORTS AS RECEIVED IN '70-'75 CONFLICT. SAID BROADCAST INTERESTING FOR POINTING AREAS OF MOST SERIOUS FIGHTING. DIPLO SOURCES IN BANGKOK SAID VIET TROOPS INSIDE CAMBODIA CONSOLIDATING THEIR POSITION ALONG MEKONG RIVER 35 MI FROM PP. AP REPORTS (SUN, NYT, BOTH BANGKOK) CITED SUNDAY PP RADIO RE-UNCLASSIFIED

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PORTS THAT CAMBODIA CLAIMED TO HAVE "LIBERATED" SVAY RIENG PROVINCE, BUT VIET RADIO AGAIN DISMISSED REPORTS AS "FABRICATED." NYT (1/7) SAYS EXPERTS IN INDOCHINESE AFFAIRS CIRCUMSPECT SINCE THEY DEPEND ON ONLY 2 SOURCES OF INFO--RADIO REPORTS FROM PP/HANOI, WHICH STRONGER ON PROPAGANDA THAN FACTS, AND SATELLITE FOTOS--NOT THE BEST WAY TO DISTINGUISH ONE SIDE'S TROOPS FROM OTHER'S (ACCOMPANIED BY MAP).

VIET FONMIN HELD NEWS CONF IN HANOI FRI TO PUBLICIZE SRV SIDE OF CONFLICT. SPOKESMAN NGO DIEN APPEALED TO INVITED MEMBERS OF DIPLO/PRESS CORPS TO HAVE THEIR COUNTRIES REFRAIN FROM ANY ACTION IN DISPUTE. WSTAR REPORTS 1/8, HOWEVER, SRV INFORMED SOME FON GOVTS IT READY START IMMEDIATE BORDER TALKS W/CAMBODIA. IN "MORE-IN-SORROW-THAN-IN-ANGER-TONE," VIETS SHOWED PRESS CONF FILM CLIPS/EXHIBITS DESIGNED CONVINCE IT IS VICTIM, NOT INSTIGATOR, OF WARFARE. FOTOS REPORTEDLY SHOWED DISEMBOWELED WOMEN, DECAPITATED CHILDREN, BODIES IN PONDS/RIVERS, BURNED-OUT VILLAGES/CHURCHES/TEMPLES, DESTROYED RICE/CATTLE (WP MARDER). STAR'S BRADSHER SAID NOT CLEAR HOW VIEWER COULD TELL FOTOS WERE RECENT (ALSO SUN'S ISAACS 1/7).

NSC'S BRZEZINSKI, APPEARING ON CBS/TV'S "FACE THE NATION" SUN, SAID VIET-CAMBODIAN CONFLICT "VERY INTERESTING, PRIMARILY AS THE FIRST CASE OF A PROXY WAR BETWEEN CHINA AND THE SOVIET UNION."

ACCORDING NYT'S GWERTZMAN, BRZEZINSKI'S COMMENTS 1ST BY HIGH-RANKING ADMIN OFFICIAL ON RECENT INDOCHINA FIGHTING/ 1ST TO GIVE MORE WEIGHT TO GLOBAL NATURE CONFLICT THAN MOST ANALYSTS HAVE IN LAST WK. VIETS, HE SAID, "CLEARLY SUPPORTED" BY USSR "POLITICALLY AND MILITARILY," CAMBODIANS "POLITICALLY AND PERHAPS MILITARILY" BY CHINESE. BRZEZINSKI ALSO SAID US "HAS NO INTELLIGENCE" THAT SOVIET/ CHINESE ADVISERS IN FIELD, DOESN'T NECESSARILY BELIEVE FIGHTING MIGHT INTENSIFY (NYT ARTICLE ACCOMPANIED BY FOTO UNCLASSIFIED

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CAMBODIANS DEMONSTRATING IN FRANCE; ALSO NYDN, ACCOMPANIED BY MAP).

VIET AMB TO PRC EXPRESSED DISSATISFACTION TO FONMIN OVER WAY CHINESE PRESS COVERING BORDER CONFLICT. TALKING TO REPORTERS AT MON RECEPTION, AMB SAID HE TOOK DOCS TO FONMIN TWICE IN LAST WK, GIVING VIET SIDE OF CONFLICT, THAT CHINESE REJECTED HIS VIEWS. REUTER'S MACKENZIE (PEKING) SAYS DIPLO OBSERVERS BELIEVE PRC TRYING TAKE MIDDLE COURSE.

7. VIETNAM

DOS ANNOUNCED FRI THAT 3 AMCITS/"BRILLIG" UNABLE LEAVE VN BECAUSE YACHT GROUNDED BY TURBULENT SEAS. SPOKESMAN RESTON SAID 3 PLAN SET SAIL SOON AS CONDITIONS PERMIT (AP, SUN 1/7).

8. CAMBODIA

AMBS TO PRC FROM SWEDEN/DENMARK/TANZANIA/IRAQ LEFT PEKING SAT FOR 2-WK VISIT CAMBODIA--1ST TIME SUCH LARGE GROUP DIPLOS GOING PP (AFP PEKING, NYT 1/8).

9. INDOCHINA REFUGEES

CRIPPLED BOAT W/26 VIET REFUGEES ABOARD TOWED INTO DARWIN FRI BY FISHING TRAWLER WHICH FOUND IT GOING ROUND IN CIRCLES OFF AUSTRALIA'S NW COAST. REFUGEES HAD SET OUT FROM VN 28 DAYS BEFORE, RUN OUT OF FOOD 2 DAYS BEFORE RESCUE (REUTER DARWIN 1/6).

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10. JAPAN

WP EDIT OPINES CARTER ADMIN'S REFERENCE PRICES FOR STEEL "ARE, IN EFFECT, PRICE CONTROLS." TERMS PLAN "INGENIOUSLY CONTRIVED," EXPRESSING BELIEF US STEEL INDUSTRY NOW HAS "REASONABLY GOOD CHANCE" RECAPTURE SOME LOST CUSTOMERS.

11. PHILIPPINES

NYT'S BUTTERFIELD (MANILA) WRITES ON MARCOS' GROWING POWER. SAYS "LITTLE DOUBT" EXISTS THAT MARCOS' 5 YRS OF AUTHORITARIAN CONTROL HAVE BROUGHT PROGRESS TO PHILS, BUT CRITICS CONTEND HE HASN'T GONE FAR ENOUGH IN BRINGING ABOUT GREATER EQUITY. NOTES ENORMOUS WEALTH GAINED BY MARCOS FAMILY/FRIENDS/COLLEAGUES. REMARKS SOME POL OBSERVERS BELIEVE LAST MONTH'S REFERENDUM--WHICH MARCOS WON--PARTLY DIRECTED AT US/DESIGNED SOFTEN CRITICISM AS MARCOS REALIZES NEED FOR CONGRESSIONAL APPROVAL ANY MILITARY AID.

NYT EDIT CALLS SK COOPERATION W/DOJ ONLY ON PARK QUESTIONING "MODIFIED LIMITED HANGOUT, SEOUL-STYLE." HAILS JAWORSKI FOR INSISTING ON FULLEST POSSIBLE ROKG COOPERATION WITH CONGRESSIONAL INVESTIGATION, ALTHO QUESTIONS HIS AUTHORITY TO MAKE DEMANDS. BUT ADDS THIS EASILY DEALT WITH. URGES O'NEILL/ETHICS CMTE/REMAINDER HOUSE LEADERSHIP SPEAK OUT, MAKE MESSAGE CLEAR TO SEOUL (1/8).

STAR'S TAYLOR/SARRO SCORE FAILURE OF THE SEVERAL INVESTIGATIONS OF "KOREAGATE" PUBLICLY TO ANSWER IMPORTANT QUESTIONS, E.G. HOW MANY CONGRESSMEN, PAST AND PRESENT, WERE CORRUPTED OR COMPROMISED BY SK; TO WHAT EXTENT WAS THERE AND WHO MAY HAVE BEEN INVOLVED IN ANY COVERUP; HOW EXTENSIVE WAS SK'S EFFORT TO PENETRATE AND INFLUENCE OTHER US INSTITUTIONS SUCH AS ACADEMIA/MEDIA/RELIGION/BUSINESS. REPEAT CHARGE THAT SINCE ONLY FIGURES NAMED IN SCANDAL (BESIDE HANNA, WOLFF'S SECRETARY) HAVE BEEN KOREANS, INVESTIGATION APPEARS NOT OF CONGRESS BUT OF KOREAN GOVT (1/6).

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13. CHINA

HARVARD'S TERRILL, WRITING IN LAT (1/4), SAYS ECON DEVELOPMENT/MODERNIZATION "NAME OF THE GAME" IN CHINA TODAY. SAYS MAO'S CANONIZATION "TRICKY BUSINESS, AS LEADERS TRY ENSHRINE HIM WHILE MOVING AWAY FROM HIS MOST RECENT POLICIES. BUT ADDS MAO'S DEATH WILL NOT PRODUCE REACTION SIMI-

LAR TO ONE TRIGGERED BY STALIN'S DEATH. NOTES CHINESE LEADERS STILL SEEK MAO'S AUTHORITY FOR ACTS/FIND IDEOLOGICAL SUPPORT IN EARLIER WRITINGS. BUT SAY DESMEMBERMENT OF MAO'S THOUGHT WHICH WILL FOLLOW COULD PRODUCE FACTIONAL FIGHTING, EACH QUOTING MAO AS AUTHORITY, OPEN WAY TO COMEBACK OF ULTRA LEFT.

WP'S MATHEWS (HK 1/8) INTERVIEWED USLO CHIEF WOODCOCK WHILE IN HK FOR COM CONFERENCE. QUOTES WOODCOCK THAT US DAY-TO-DAY RELS W/PRC HAVE IMPROVED CONSIDERABLY DESPITE FAILURE AGREE ON TAIWAN. MATHEWS CALLS THIS MOST OPTIMISTIC OFFICIAL ASSESSMENT IN RECENT MONTHS. AS FOR CHINESE REFUSAL TO RENOUNCE USE OF FORCE AGAINST TAIWAN, QUOTES WOODCOCK: "WHEN YOU ASK A SOVEREIGN GOVERNMENT WHETHER THEY ARE PREPARED TO DISAVOW USE OF FORCE AGAINST ONE OF THEIR OWN PROVINCES, WHAT DO YOU EXPECT THEM TO SAY?" ADDS THAT AMERICAN PEOPLE WILL DEMAND ASSURANCES, "BUT HOW THAT WILL BE DONE I DON'T EVEN WANT TO SPECULATE." BRADSHER (WSTAR) SAYS THAT ALLEGED SECRET FOPOL SPEECH BY PRC FONMIN HUANG HUA BEING CIRCULATED BY ROC FELT BY SOME WASHINGTON OBSERVERS TO BE FORGERY. SAYS SOME PARTS INCONSISTENT W/PEKING'S KNOWN POSITIONS/SOME ELEMENTS OF PRC FOPOL WHICH WOULD BE EXPECTED TO BE STRONGLY STRESSED ONLY LIGHTLY TOUCHED ON. SAYS TAIWAN'S HANDLING OF TEXT ALSO SUSPECT; ROC INFO OFFICE IN NY HAS MADE MAJOR EFFORT TO CALL IT TO ATTENTION OF JOURNALISTS (1/5).

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14. THAILAND/INDOCHINA

NYT'S KAMM (NON SAO-AE) SAYS STATISTICS SHOW WHY THAIS CONSIDER NORMALIZATION RELS W/CAMBODIA MOST PRESSING DIPLO PRIORITY. REPORTS MANY VILLAGES ALONG BORDER EVACUATED SINCE CAMBODIAN TROOPS OVERRUNNING THEM, FIRING ROCKET LAUNCHERS INDISCRIMINATELY. SAYS BORDER AREA SHOWS FAMILIAR SIGHTS OF WAR--DESERTED VILLAGES/REFUGEE CAMPS. NOTES THAILAND, WHICH HAS BORNE BRUNT OF POSTWAR REFUGEE OUTFLOW, NOT OFFERING MUCH BETTER CARE TO ITS OWN HOMELESS PEOPLE.

WSJ'S KRAMER REPORTS THAILAND ADOPTS NEW PRAGMATIC APPROACH TO ITS COMMUNIST NEIGHBORS, SUPPORTED BY RTG/SRV AGREEMENT ALLOW THAI AIRWAYS INTL FLIGHTS PASS THRU VIET AIRSPACE AND VISIT TO THAILAND BY VIET DEP PREMIER/FONMIN NGUYEN DUY TRINH, EXPECTED WORK OUT EXCHANGE OF AMBS BETWEEN TWO COUNTRIES. SAYS, WHILE BORDER BATTLES W/CAMBODIA CONTINUE, THAILAND'S RELS W/OTHER COUNTRIES ON PENINSULA SEEM HEADED MORE TOWARD ECON COMPETITION/LESS TOWARD IDEOLOGICAL DIATRIBE.

15. CAMBODIA/VIETNAM

WORD "NEW" APPEARS IN HEADLINES OF 2 COMMENTARIES ON NEW CAMBODIAN/VN BORDER CONFLICT. IN WP ARTICLE FROM ASIAN WSJ, LIPSKY SAYS JUST WHEN WE'D CONCLUDED PEACE WAS FINALLY AT HAND IN VN, "INDOCHINA WAR IS HEATING UP AGAIN." DOES HUMOROUS PIECE FROM INSIDE OPERATIONS ROOM OF VIET ARMY WHERE GEN GIAP CALLING SHOTS.

CSM'S MORITZ (HK) SAYS, W/NEW FIGHTING SUBSIDING, OPTIONS REMAINING OPEN INCL LINGERING GUERILLA WARFARE/RENEWED FULL-SCALE FIGHTING/RESHUFFLING CAMBODIAN LEADERSHIP/MEDIA-TION, PERHAPS BY CHINA. SAYS VIETS MAY USE MIL SUCCESS FOR LEVERAGE IN NEGOTS W/CAMBODIA, MAY SEEK CAPITALIZE ON DISCONTENT AMONG CAMBODIANS OVER EXCESSES COMMITTED AGNST UNCLASSIFIED

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THEM BY OWN GOVT, MAY USE MIL PRESSURE TO BRING ABOUT GOVT RESHUFFLE IN PP, ALLOWING OFFICIALS LESS HOSTILE TOWARD VN TO GAIN INFLUENCE. ADDS CAN'T DISMISS POSSIBILITY VIET INCURSION WILL TRIGGER NEW CAMBODIAN NATIONALISM/CENTURIES-OLD ANTAGONISM TOWARD VN. SAYS ADDED TO ABOVE IS DILEMMA FOR CHINA: THE LONGER BORDER CONFLICT CONTINUES, MORE PEKING MAY BE CALLED UPON HELP CAMBODIA. THE MORE DEEPLY INVOLVED W/CAMBODIA, THE LESS MAY BE ITS POTENTIAL INFLUENCE AS MEDIATOR W/VN. FROM PEKING'S POINT OF VIEW, SAYS FURTHER DETERIORATION OF RELS W/VN COULD ONLY WORK TO ADVANTAGE OF USSR.

NYT'S KAMM (1/7) CITES LONG HISTORY OF CAMBODIAN/VIET ANIMOSITIES AS FUNDAMENTAL REASONS FOR CURRENT CONFRONTATION. GIVES THEORIES SOME ANALYSTS: SOME REJECT NOTION THAT CONFLICT IS ESSENTIALLY EXPRESSION OF SOVIET-CHINESE RIVALRY IN SEASIA, POINTING OUT THAT VN CONTINUES SHOW RESTRAINT, WHILE USSR EXPLOITS CONFLICT TO DENOUNCE CHINA AND CHINA EXPRESSES HOPE FOR PEACEFUL SETTLEMENT; OTHERS SAY THAT VN MAY HAVE LED CAMBODIA ONTO THIN ICE, WHICH, WHEN IT BREAKS, WILL RESULT IN VIET "CLIENT" GOVT IN PP. SAYS SHOULD NOT DISCOUNT IRRATIONAL ELEMENTS IN AFFAIRS OF CAMBODIA WHICH FOR CENTURIES SPENT MUCH OF WEALTH TO BUILD ANGKOR ONLY TO ABANDON IT TO JUNGLE AND WHICH HAS PROVOKED CONFLICT W/VN IN REBUILDING ITS NATION FROM BOTTOM UP, CHOOSING DESTRUCTIVE METHOD THEY HAVE CHARACTERIZED AS "AUTOGENOCIDE" (ACCOMPANIED BY PHOTO ANGKOR STONE CARVING). VANCE

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